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**Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition**

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**The Background:**

Through the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, the U.S. Department of Education annually recognizes elementary, middle, and high schools based on outstanding academic achievement. Since its inception in 1982, more than 7,500 schools across the country have received this coveted award.

The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing an entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

States are invited to nominate a set number of schools for recognition as Blue Ribbon Schools based on very specific criteria defined by the U.S. Department of Education. Nominated schools must then successfully complete an intensive application process, which is reviewed for approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Tennessee had six public schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2014. These schools were recognized with other National Blue Ribbon Schools in Washington, D.C., in November 2014.

Tennessee's 2014 Blue Ribbon Schools are:

**Foothills Elementary School**

520 Sandy Springs Road  
Maryville, TN 37803  
Amy Vagnier - Principal  
District - Maryville City Schools

**Hillsboro Elementary - Middle School**

5412 Pinewood Road  
Franklin, TN 37064  
Kari Miller - Principal  
District - Williamson County Schools

**Kenrose Elementary School**

1702 Raintree Parkway  
Brentwood, TN 37027  
Dr. Marilyn Webb - Principal  
District - Williamson County Schools

**Madison Academic Magnet High School**

179 Allen Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
Janice Epperson - Principal  
District - Jackson-Madison County Schools

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Magnet High School for  
Health Science and Engineering at Pearl High School**

613 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37203  
Dr. Angela Carr - Principal  
District - Metro Nashville Public Schools

**Trinity Elementary School**

4410 Murfreesboro Road  
Franklin, TN 37067  
Chris Schwartz - Principal  
District - Williamson County Schools

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

**The Recommendation:**

For information purposes only; no action required.